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Unsafe Hotels.

started escape was difficult and in the case can be established in Havana or anywhere at some of the guests and employes im- in Cuba for a long time. For more than possible. Forty minutes from the first three years the island has been a veritable alarm, its walls were in the streets. It is hell. Women and children have died in erident, apart from the testimony of fire the streets from starvation; women have the possession of a large fortune. A part department officials and building experts, been outraged by Spanish soldiers under that it was a veritable death trap. Whether the instructions of their officers; homes The new owners were college women, with that there was any irregularity in the its owner complied with all the provisions and crops have been destroyed and mur- a philanthropic turn of mind, and did not of the law is a question; that he did no der and assassination ceased to excite inmore is certain. One report says there dignation. No life was secure and every were no fire-escapes, or not more than man was for himself, from the time the one. It is stated that some of the ropes Spanish army butcher came. That desertin the sleeping rooms were rotten. When ers from the Spanish army, irregular the bell-hoy, who discovered the flames, guerrillas from the Cuban army, imported attempted to ring the alarm bell the chain broke. No attempt was made to use the tives should undertake to make their living hose and pumps, probably only because by looting, brigandage, and murder, is a there was not time. This elegant and in- matter of course. Not until all these deswithin botel, seeming so secure, was as perate classes are subdued and banished unsafe and inflammable as any cheap tene- can there be any serious consideration of ment house in the city.

When Mr. Leland, famous as a landlord. leased the house of Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry, it was decided that a great deal of money should be spent on it to increase its elegance and comfort and prevent a suspicion of its insecurity. The walls were I nown to be thinner than is common, and oning to the manner and circumstances of its erection nearly thirty years ago, It was plain that a fire would be difficult, if not with to control. The money was apent on paint and royal furnishings, plateglass and oil paintings and whatever would gratify the eye or rest the body. Nothing went toward the easier saving of life. Yet Mr. Gerry is a rich man and he drew a rental of eighty-three thousand dollars ; year from this house. He is at the head of the society that is popularly known by his name, the object of which is to prevent cruelty to children and save them from victous surroundings. Whether he was willing to save money at the cost of having the lives of children and adults lost in his hotel, the verdict of the coroner's jury will probably determine. It should, No. man stands so high that he should be exemist from a fearless and searching enquiry when there is reason to suspect that he has neglected any reasonable means to prevent such a tragedy in order to put money in his pocket. There is too much at stake—there are too many hotels that are linder-boxes to warrant the least tenderness in getting at the exact condition of the Windsor

Even if it should appear that there are isbery this could not acquit the owner enacted as if it was practicable to diminish the danger by any reasonable outlay of too many chances without cause, and in a measure the owners of hotels and other public places are influenced by the same apirit. But there is a limit beyond which carelessness and cupidity should not be al-

About the best work that has been done in liavana since the purely voluntary retirement of Blanco, was the sending down of Expert McCullagh, formerly of New York, to organize a police force. He did it well, When he looked over the field he found that Weyler's men filled most of the places. Weyler's men were the worst criminals Spain ever had, and that is equivalent to saying the most desperate and inhuman monsters that ever bathed their brutal hands in blood. The unspeakable butche had sent to the African penal colonies for the most diabolical homicides and established them in Havana in policemen's uniforms to make a hell of the city. They did the police was regarded as the worst fate that could happen one. The populace being mostly concerned about getting something to eat and upholding the honor of Spain or Cuba, according to their prejudices, no attention was paid by persons of influence to the constant police outrages. The desperadoes were still in authority when the organization

The lower class of Cubans look upon with such harmless pleasures as shooting affairs at Sunday night balls or Sunday afternoon bull or cock fights, the shooting of "craps," and other delights of the lower and mixed orders of Havana society. Mr. McCullagh, by the offer of a good salary- destruction of all privacy and real social

natural prejudices of the policemen in fa- effects are not quite so obvious. vor of Sunday balls, fights, drinking, and

and the police promptly undertook to restore order. A regular battle followed, with the lawbreakers firing on the law officers from the windows and roof of a house. The casualties are not fully known, die. The aid of the army may be necis-

sary to quell the threatened riots. of characters there are in the Cuban capital, is the splendid behavior of the police. Not in any city in this country could we er bravery. Captain Estampes, formerly a colonel in the Cuban army and a naturalized American citizen, refused to withdraw from the conflict when he received his first wound, but continued to lead his gal'ant men until he received another that will prove mortal. All the policemen showed the same fearless devotion in attacking the nanigos, who are desperate criminals.

criminals, and the degraded orders of nathe question of self-government

Chemically Treated.

The last day of the Court of Enquiry be fore returning to Chicago brought no relief to the course of adverse testimony. On the contrary, there was indirect evidence that much of the beef was treated chemically to prevent or retard or conceal decay. This came not from a volunteer, but a regular whose duties made it necessary that he should inspect the meat. He is Sergeant Mason, Troop A. First Cavalry, who served as commissary sergeant for the regiment during the Cuban campaign and at Lakewood, Fla. He appears to be an intelligent man, and that he was trusted by his officers is obvious

He says he objected to the appearance and smell of a carload of beef. It looked as though it had been painted over with paraffine, and he rejected it. An agent of Armour & Co.-s man who was known in the place as one of Armour's two agents there, and who was urgent that the meat should be accepted-told him, in the presence of Lieutenant Hartman and others that the strange look was due to "preser vative"-"the chemical we use to protect or preserve the meat." Of course the man might not have been an Armour agent, but there is every reason to think he was and no cause to doubt it. He may have lied about the meat being chemically treated, but its appearance favored it.

Undeniably the strength of General Miles' case is much greater as a result of the investigation up to this time. The testimo criminals so fiendish as to risk such a de- ny in refutation has come entirely from struction of life by setting fire to the interested sources-from persons in the house on several floors at one time for Commissary Department or in the service of the packers. To it is to be added, unfrom blame if it is true that the laws were til some attempt is made to answer, the affidavit of Thomas F. Dolan describing the use of diseased cattle, and his later money. It is undeniable that people take statement that he has received five thousand dollars from Armour & Co., through an agent, to deny his first charges and to leave the country until the investigation is over. There is no present reason to be lieve the packers or the War Department officials have in reserve evidence that will disprove the unfavorable testimony and convict the many army officers and soldiers of ignorance or conspiracy against the packers. Yet unless it is forthcoming, there can be no doubt as to the conclusion the facts establish. Neither can there be any doubt that the Government mu promptly prosecute the responsible officials of the packing companies and bring commissary and other Government officers to trial. The coming sessions of the Court of Enquiry at Chicago will be watched with

eager interest by the whole country. Abolishing the Slums.

New York is seriously considering the question of wiping out its "Chinatown." This is one of the most hopeful signs of it and to spare. To fall into the hands of civilization which that metropolis has shown for some time. "Chinatown" is a blot on the face of the earth, not so much because it is "Chinatown" as because it is a slum; and if New York could se her way clear to destroying some of the other tenement-house districts, including the disgraceful rookeries and dives owne by two or three of her richest and most New York expert took up the work of re- respectable churches, it would be equally

There is no doubt in the mind of anyon all authority with disfavor. The police are who has thought about the matter that rated as natural enemies, like wild beasts, the tenement-house is one of the most their apparent purpose being to interfere dangerous institutions in our civilization, and that eventually it must disappear if the community is to make any progress to ward a higher level of thought. men, women, and children are huddled into huge barrack-like buildings, to the

compared with nothing-enlisted the serv- life, the effect is, in time, degrading in GENERAL WASHINGTON ices of General Menocal of the Cuban ar- the extreme. When, in addition to this, my, as chief of police, and he was able to the buildings are unsanitary, dark, unven induce some of the best officers and sol- tilated, and without adequate water sup diers of that army to don the uniform, by ply, they become breeding places of disrepresenting that in the circumstances it ease, and then they are a source of imwas really military duty. That the force mediate danger to the whole community. is a good one, even superb, there has been Of course, there is also a danger in alevery reason to believe. In spite of the lowing moral pestholes to exist, but the

Future generations may ask, "Why did the like, the men have performed their these people of the nineteenth century, duties with courage and fidelity. The with all their boasted progress, allow such force being made up largely of those who degradation and pollution within a stone's One Year, Morning, Evening, and Sanday. \$4.00
Six Months, Morning and Sanday 4.00
Six Months, Morning lagh, remain in Havana, not daring to show their rogue faces in Europe. They among the most valuable in New York—to have affiliated with the most degraded creatures, the nanigos, and inspired them creatures, the nanigos, and inspired them to resist every municipal regulation. Some transfer of the evidence brought out at the investigation it is difficult to understand why Section it is difficult to understand why Section in the state of the evidence brought out at the investigation in the evidence brought out at the investigation in the evidence brought The circulation of The Times for the week easted Sarunday, March 15, 1869, was as follows: of the most ignorant of the Cuban so'diers they are high enough to return quite a specialte with them and know no higher they are high enough to return quite a specialte with them and know no higher they are high enough to return quite a specialte with them and know no higher they are high enough to return quite a pleasure than to fight the police. It was a respectable—or disreputable—percentage on the investment. In these places there need the investment in the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, associate with them and know no higher they are high enough to return quite a pleasure than to fight the police. It was a respectable—or disreputable—percentage on the investment. In these places there need the investment in the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, of the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, and the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, and the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, and the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, and the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, and the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, and the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, and the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, and the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, and the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, and the charge for rooms in a decent nouse, and the charge f of the most ignorant of the Cuban so'diers the charge for rooms in a decent house, retary Gage has failed to take summary of the most ignorant of the Cuban soldiers amsociate with them and know no higher pleasure than to fight the police. It was a combination of these that caused the trouble of Saturday night and yesterday. No less than fifty balls were in operation Saturday night in the vilest dens of the town and unlicensed drinking was common to all. Fights innumerable were the result and necessarily the intervention of the course of the police. It was a common to all. Fights innumerable were the result and necessarily the intervention of the plant of they are high enough to return quite a cation, by promptly removing both Johnson and Morgan. Much of the testimony adduced is unprintable in any respectable newspaper, but that is no reason, it is shield the guilty parties. Some curiosity is manifested as to the nature of the pulls possessed by Johnson and Morgan. They because the poor are numerous, and must live somewhere. Plumbing, whitewashing, belong to the type of goldbug Democrats who betrayed their party in 1896. Does result and necessarily the intervention of rails and broken floors, and all those mat-The Advertisers' Guarantee Company, of Chicage, hereby certifies that it has, by its expert
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THE TIMES, of Washington, D. C. The daily
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and the business is practically all in-

In a discussion on this question, a wellto-do man once enquired rather superciliously, whether, if all the tenementhouses were replaced by dwellings fit for but at least four men were killed and a human being to live in, and all the tenthree-score wounded, of whom several will ants subjected to regulations which prevented the collection of one family, or two, or three, in the same room, the result What most interests the American read- might not be that the poor would have no er, aside from the revelation of the kind place whatever to go, and would be worse off than before. There are two answers to this query. First, if it should actually pelled to get down to work with any undur happen that all the tenement-houses in expect a sterner devotion to duty or great- the city were condemned and replaced by suitable dwellings, constructed on a sani-tary plan, so that there was no place in all appear before the committee and give their the town where poor people might live after the old barbaric fashion, those who could not be accommodated inside the city limits would go outside; they would form little suburban villages; landfords would ball of the suburban villages; landfords would be suburban villages would be suburban villages. build other apartment houses in the sub-urbs; and the population, instead of be-Probably more such trouble is to come, but ling congested, would be distributed more The Windsor Hotel, in whose ruins are larged many human bodies and whose burning caused other deaths, went up in a flash. In a few minutes after the fire larged many human beings should live in larged in getting up a satisfactory out and having it enacted into a law next winter it is not to be expected that good order. It is not to be expected that good order. anthills.

Here is a story which is still more to the point: Once upon a time two young of the estate consisted of tenement-houses. wish to have slum dwellings on their consciences. They determined to try an experiment. They turned all the occupants out of one of the buildings, put in sanitary plumbing, bathtubs, and modern improvements, whitewashed and painted and made repairs, and then re-rented the rooms to give their tenants proper accommodations, and yet not be utterly impoverished.

Even if it were true that the death of to place the blame on the governor because he did not interfere. But it is not clear that it is a disgrace. If such a criminal had been rescued from the chair, the next year. next person to commit a like crime would wicked and deplorable, but it would hap- and other eminent Republican leaders of a jury. If the amiable people who are shocked by the killing of a murderess, who first blinded her innocent victim with an acid, could have their own sweet will, the forms of justice would be banished in many cases and violent deaths would become

more frequent. Evidently Ambassador Choate has still to learn that a diplomat cannot treat subjects of international concern with the inaccuracy that an after-dinner speaker in New York is allowed to show. His ignorance of the Venezuelan affair is appalling, yet he might have muddled and bungled it in a popular speech here with impunity, being a humorist. But to expose his shallow knowledge of public matters as the representative of America in England is almost beyond comment. To speak of our attitude there as a "twisting of the lion's tall" in mere playfulness is to show that training in diplomacy, or at least some degree of information about recent history, is absolutely necessary in an ambassador.

A good deal of romance is taken out of a grand opera favorite by the proceedings of a justice's court. At the solicitation of a woman in New York the court has issued a warrant for the arrest of Victor Maurel, who is adored on the stage, in a suit for damages. The woman affirms that he ruined the walls of her flat, which he leased, by cooking garlic in a chafing dish. Sweet tones and garlic! Horrible, horri-

An Invincible Army. (From the Boston Herald.)

Old General Gomez is all right now, sure. Th Havana newsboys refuse to sell any newspapers that denounce the old veteran. This blast on the newsboy buglehorn is worth ten thousand men.

A Scotchman's Grit. (From the London Mail.)

At Omdurman Col. Hector A. MacDonald—in the words of another officer—"saved the day." Bidden to retire when hard pressed by the Dervishes, the gallant brigadier took it upon himself to refuse. "Til no" do it," he said; "Til see them d—d first. We mann just fight." And he fought and won. Courtesy in Public Office.

Courtesy in Public Office.

(From the New York Commercial Advertiser.)

Perhaps nowhere, even in the most unadulterated commercial society, is the genesis of courtesy so plainly discovered as in the demeanor of persons in public office. The two traditional motives, fear and self-interest, are mixed. The public officer courts the power that puts him in office, like a servant when it is a person, like a shopman when it is a community. When this power is above and independent of the public he is employed to serve, he bullies that in revenge, and the public has a hard time of it. When the master that appoints him is the public itself, his manners may lack smoothness, but they are full of the sincere purpose of courtesy. Americans are as well served in general by public officers that need their votes as by shopmen that need their custom. The contact of travel with the brusque and arrogant minions of the German Emperor would be intolerable by them, were it not for their domestic experience with the officers of private transportation companies that need not solicit public favor, either for votes or custom.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Bureau of Engraving Scandal.-The scandal in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is attracting a great deal of attention. What is puzzling the average citizen is that Director Claude M. Johnson and Major Morgan, the disbursing officer of the Bureau, are still in office although the facts | it of many embarrassments, especially so, concerning their peculiar conduct have been in the possession of Secretary Gage for several months. Mr. Gage appointed a committee of three to investigate the afthis, it is asked, render them immune from punishment for their misdeeds? Gage apparently thinks so. If the matter is permitted to rest until Congress meets it is believed that it will be rather unfortunate for Mr. Gage and the Administration. There are a number of men in both houses of Congress who are determined

to probe the matter to the bottom. Currency Reform .- The Republican Caucus Committee of which General Henderson of Iowa is chairman, appointed to prepare a currency reform measure, will hold its first meeting at Atlantic City next month. Atlantic City is a very pleasant place in the month of April and the memhaste. General Henderson states that he has no definite idea as yet regarding the details of the bill that will be finally drawn prived of considerable campaign material.

John Peter Altgeld.-Former Gover women in Boston came unexpectedly into nor Altgeld, of Illinois, is getting ready to run as an independent candidate for mayor of Chlcago. He does not claim, it is said, nomination of Mayor Carter H. Harrison by the Democrats. His determination to antagonize Harrison, who is the regular Democratic nominee, is believed to be due altogether to personal reasons. Chairman Jones, of the Democratic National Committee, recently appointed Altgeld a mem ber of his advisory committee. The point is made that if Altgeld runs as an indepento as many of the old lodgers as would come back, at the same rent as formerly, stipulating that there should be no over-crowding. They found at the end of a year that they were getting 10 per cent on their investment. This indicates that some of the wealthy landlords could afford party while holding a position in an advisory capacity to the Democratic party If Altgeld runs as an independent candidate for mayor of Chicago this spring the chances will be favorable to the election of the Republican capdidate. Carter-that the fiendish murderess, Mrs. Place, as the is, if Altgeld polls any considerable vote penalty for her monstrous crime, is "a Harrison, however, will undoubtedly re-disgrace to the State," it is hardly fair ceive the support of a good many Republicans and independents. If a Republican should be elected mayor of Chicago this spring Illinois can be taken out of the doubtful column in the Presidential battle

be hanged by a mob on the ground that | The Ohio Campaign .- While Mr. Mcthe law is not enforced. That would be Kinley, Mr. Read, Mr. Hobart, Mr. Hanna, pen, all the same, and there would be the exchanging confidences down at Jekyl Islrisk of hanging an innocent person, since and, the anti-Hanna Republicans are said mobs do not always wait for the verdict to be getting in some very fine work out in the Buckeye State. From present indications the Foraker-Bushnell forces will control the coming Republican State Con-vention in the President's State. It will probably be embarrassing to Mr. Hanna to have to support an auti-Administration Republican candidate for Governor of Ohio. next fall but if the Foraker-Bushnell

bination dominate the State convention that is what is likely to happen.
"Mr. Hanns," said an Ohio Republican today, "ought to go out to Ohio and stay there until after the meeting of the Stat convention in June. Unless he follows this suggestion the State convention will cer-tainly get away from him. The Adminis-tration people will have to take their medicine if they lose the fight in the State con vention as a Democratic victory in Ohio mext fall would drive a very large nail in Mr. McKinley's political coffin. Hanna should waste no time trying to conciliate Tom Reed. He has more important matters requiring his attention at home.

Kipling's Unconscious Humor. (From the New York Advertiser.)

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We are surprised sometimes that great men have small failings—that they are sometimes conceited in a small way. But again it is won-derful that they have not more egotism than they have. When Kipling was beginning to recover, when he came to himself after having been delirious for some time, he said to his wife: "Have I been Ill?" and then asked if for long. Then raising himself up in bed, he asked: "Has anyone called?" It was perhaps a little exhibition of vanity, yet think of the magnificent modesty of this man, for whom the world has been holding its breath, and after whom most of the great ones of the earth have asked, wondering if anyone had called.

A Cure for Paeumonia.

A Cure for Pneumonia.

(Berlin Dispatch to the London Standard.)

Joyful tidings come from the Bacteriological Institute here, provided they are true. Prof. Wassermann, one of the most diligent and capable pupils of Prof. Koch, hopes to have found the serum for the cure of pneumonia. One may imagine what send a discovery would mean, but in view of the former disappointments, jubilation would be premature. Pneumonia, as is known, is said to be caused by the pneumococcus bacillus. Dr. Wassermann inoculated rabbits with this, and with the serum thus gained he inoculated mice infected with pneumonia. After prolonged experiments he discovered that it was the red marrow of the bones in which the production of the antitoxin took place, and the most promising discovery is that the red marrow taken from a human subject dead from penumonia, and used as serum, will cure mice infected with that disease. Prof. Wassermann thinks, therefore, that he has reason to hope that the serum discovered by him will also prove effective with human beings.

A Swiss Department Store

(Berne Letter in the Chicago Record.) Berne is peculiar in some things, and in mat-ters of progress and enterprise is far behind the other Swiss cities. A tradesman who had done quite a business in small wares bought several small stores on the main arcaded street of the small stores on the main arcaded street of the city, and prepared to erect a modern department store, as far as the Continental idea goes. He wanted to make his establishment as attractive as possible, and accordingly sought to have the dark and gloomy arcades in front of his proposed building removed. Such a storm of protests was made against this willful destruction of the ancient and typical stonework that he was obliged to abandon his scheme and get even by making his store the finest in the city. He even has had an elevator installed. There must be four in Berne. When the little dealers saw this and knew that it was good, they held a largely attended meeting to protest. It is their desire to have a store with several departments so heavily taxed that it will be impossible for the owner to realize anything out of his venture.

MR. ALGER LIKELY TO RESIGN. Ambassador Porter Talked of as His After the Visit Mr. McKinley Re-

Probable Successor. It is again rumored in War Department as the charges made by General Miles with reference to furnishing spoiled meat to the army has been proven conclusively by the Court of Enquiry. The result of the investigation since the Court went to Chicago and other beef centres in the West has had the effect to clinch all the charges that have been made notwithstanding the disclaimers of Eagan and his friends.

The situation, as viewed in its present light, has changed completely from what it was when the Alger Relief Commission was engaged in whitewashing the Secretary of War and the lately deposed Commissary It is stated, upon what appears good au-

thority, that the name of General Hornece Porter, the present Ambassador to France, is being seriously considered by Mr. Mc-Kinley as Mr. Alger's successor as the head

NOT A VERY GRAVE AFFAIR. Riots in Havana Have No Special

Significance. four officers were killed and sixty persons

secret society in the island whose object is revolution and whose sympathies are with Spain, is not regarded as a matter to give General Brooke's strong arm is consid-

ered equal to the quelling of any disturb-ance that may occur.

Chief of Police Menocal is held to be the right man to deal with these secret orders, which undermine Cuban society, and his loyalty to American interests are not

SMALLPOX RIOTS IN LAREDO.

National Troops to Aid Texas in Quelling Disorders.

Adjutant General Corbin received this morning the following dispatch from Captain Ayres, in command of the troops sent to Laredo, Tex., at the request of Governor Sayers, to suppress the smallpox

Have informed mayor of Laredo of your in-structions to me. Great bitterness on part of Mexicans on this side river on account of at tempt to isolate smallpox cases. Mexicans fired on civil difficest today; one of lafter hur. Quiet at present. I believe the situation within my control. Captain Command The telegram from Governor Sayers to

orders to the commanding officer at Fort McIntosh follow: Secretary of War, Washington:
Please immediately order by wire commanding officer of the United States troops to assis mayor of Larede and the sheriff of Webb count today in preserving the peace and maintaint order at Larede until I can get State troops that point. A very serious riot is pending.

JOSEPHI D. SAYMES.

Georgino of Texas

the War Department, and General Corbin's

Governor of Texas,
Washington D. C., March 19,
osling Others, Fort McIntosh, Lared

Texas:
At the request of the Governor of Texas, the Secretary of War directs that you use your force in assisting the major of Larsdo and the sherri of Webb county in preserving peace and main taining order until the arrival of State troop Acknowledge receipt and report situation by telegraph.

H. C. CORRIN,
Adjutant General.

QUIET IN PORTO RICO.

General Henry Sets at Rest Sensetional Reports.

The Adjutant General received the following telegram from General Henry, commanding the forces at Porto Rico, this morning:

Newspaper reports of conditions here, and re-ported interview with me, stating chaines of up-rhing, are absolutely taken. There is a great deal of tile, childish talk on the part of the ignorant, but as to any resistance against has and order by masses, is absard. There has always been political agitation here; less now than ever be-fore. The truth should be known in the United States, and Island not injured by take statements.

MARVEL IN PHOTOGRAPHY. Camera to Take Six Hundred Pic-

tures in a Second. Chicago, March 20.-What is to be the fastest camera in the world is being constructed in Chicago for the Smithionian Institution at Washington. The specifications for this splendid instrument require that it shall be capable of making a successful exposure in one six-hundredth part of a second, and it is hoped that this speed will be so greatly increased that a good negative may be secured by an exposure of only a thousandth of a second. This This marvelous rapidity in photographing has never been approached save by one cam-era, which is said to have secured a negative by an exposure of one five-hundredth of a second

A better appreciation of the marvelous alertness of this mechanical eye is to be gained from the statement that it is capable of catching the image of an arrow speeding through midair while the bow-string is still quivering from the recoil o The snap of its its propulsive action. trigger when its sights are well aimed for an instant on the body of the fleetest game bird in full flight will imprison on the negative a faithful picture. The camera is designed by William

Gaertner, who was formerly in the employ of the Smithsonian Institution.

(From the St. Paul Dispatch.)

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No President in the past thirry years has had such a task as the present Executive. As the law makes him the actual and not the nominal Commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy, it imposes upon him a responsibility that cannot be shifted to the shoulders of any other, but must be personally performed by the President. He must approve compaigns on land and operations at sea, directing in a general way the whole conduct of war. This burden rests upon him every hour of every day while war is in progress. It is imposed in addition to the ordinary onerous duties of domestic administration. For more than a year the President has been constantly at work, having no time for lunting and fishing or to lay aside official cares in favor of any diversion. Even his trips through the West and South were no means of recreation. He deserves a re-He deserves a re laxation from the cares of office.

Straining at Gnats.

(From the Hartford Courant.) The New York papers are getting up a scare over the coming of the automobile riage. They are demanding special examinand licenses for all who undertake to much vehicles. It is claimed that the thing run away. But why in the world do not the brave New Yorkers demand examinations an licenses for all who undertake to drive horses in licenses for all who undertake to drive horses in the streets of the metropolis? There is no law at present to prevent the crazies; fool who can show the money from hiring a skittish horse at any stable and within five minutes making a wild runaway in the most crowded street. Why not deal with the real risk before taking fright at an anticipated danger?

Bombardment From Balloons.

(From the New York Tribune.)

Although the original purpose of the military balloon was to observe an enemy's position and works, there has been a growing disposition within the last few years to consider how far an airship might be used for offensive operations. Bombs weighing only a few hundred pounds, if dropped at the right point, might do a tremendous deal of harm. The importance of this possibility has been recognized by the Caze of Russia, who has included it among the topics to be discussed at the proposed International Peace Congress.

Great Britain has gone a step further, however, for she has what is probably the only fort in the world so constructed that protection is afforded from an overhead assult. This is the station at Esquimanit, which is almost entirely an excavation from solid rock. (From the New York Tribune.)

AT JEKYL ISLAND.

turns to Thomasville

Thomasville, Ga., March 20:-All intercircles that Secretary Alger has made up est in President McKinley's Southern trip his mind to retire from the Cabinet. It is for rest now centres in the visit to Jekyl stated that he has been advised by the Island, where it is believed events of more President that his resignation would be than ordinary importance are to occur. The pleasing to the Administration, and relieve presence of Speaker Reed and the probable visit of other leading Republicans to the island on the day Mr. McKinley and party are to be there has given rise to the belief that there is "something in the wind," and that Republican leaders

talk over important questions.

Although the host of the Presidential party continues to deny that there will be any conferences, Mr. Hanna has not yet explained why Judge Day came to Thom asville, and how it is that Speaker Reed happens to be on Jekyl Island just at this time, and why the trip to that place was hurried up several days, so that it will be made tomorrow.

Instead of going to Washington after the Jekyl Island trip, as heretofore arranged, the President and party will return here and remain some time.

The audden change of plans may have nothing to do with Speaker Reed's visit to Jekyl Island, but the change was made on the very day it was a fine of the sudden than the change was made on the very day it was a fine of the sudden than the change was made on the very day it was a fine domination of the very day it was a fine domination of the very day it was a fine domination of the very day it was a Spaniand new reason as a Spaniand new reason as Spaniand new reason as Spaniand new reason as Spaniand newer age as a Spaniand.

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At the office of the Secretary of War it is not considered of grave importance that four officers were killed and sixty persons wounded at a riot at a Havana ball. It is looked upon as a mere incident of Cuban life.

The fact that the riot was incited by the Nanigos members of the most powerful.

Hobart, Haffna, Bliss, and others while at Sepaker is there was doubtless invited to Jekyl Island. "Senator Hanna said yesterday, "and he has the right to go there, I presume. Because the Speaker is there it does not follow that our party must go. We may or may not meet with him. The island is small, and we will all be the guests of the club. I knew nothing of his arrival there until the papers told of it." there until the papers told of it.

Judge Day simply declares there is no politics in his visit here. "Just merely a friendly call," he said, when asked the purpose of his visit. Mr. McKinley has not set a definite time

for his return to Washington. He will come back here from Jekyl Island and re-sume his daily drives and short walks and looking over the important mail soon after breakfast, and then "taking things easy" the rest of the day. He is improveasy the rest of the day. He is improving under the influence of the warm sunshine and piny woods air hereabouts. There is a better color in his cheeck and he is more cheerful and ready for exercise.

Ars. McKiniey is not very well, and is taking extra precautions to prevent a cold. Vice President Hobart and Mr. McKinley are transmitted together. They six on Mr.

are frequently together. They sit on Mr. Hanna's front porch and smoke and talk and go driving together.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED. Burglars Blow Open the Safe With

Dynamite. Hyattsville, Md., March 20.-The post-

office at this place was robbed Saturday night. The safe was blown open with dynamite, and \$356 in cash, stamps, and money-orders taken. Some of the money was the private property of the postmaster. George Tise,

was the private property of the postmaster, George Tise.

The postoffice was in a store, and the burglars attempted first to break into the safe with a bit, which was broken in the attempt. Then they resorted to dynamite after the knob of the combination lock had been knocked off with a sledge hammer to permit the insertion of the explosure and property of the wind party of the wind the store of the party of the wind from the Western Linous Friegraph Consister. sive. The safe doors were blown into pieces and all the glass in the windows of the store was smashed. Postoffice Inspector C. D. Owings claims to have a clew to the burglars, who got off with their plunder.

FAMILY NEARLY ASPHYXIATED

in an Inconscious State. Hagerstown, Md., March 16.—Mrs. Nil-

lie Wolf, wife of Harry C. Wolf Western
Maryland Railroad alight yardmaster. is
hovering between life and death in Hagerstown from the effects of gas escaping
in her bedroom Saturday night from a coal
store in the distinct room a below warm dish for a cents. stove in the dining room below.

Her husband came home yesterday morning and found her lying unconscious

across the bed, with evidences of nausea. The house was locked up, and he had to force an entrance through a second-story window. His three children—Lester, aged one and one-half years, Heien aged four; Sadie, aged nine-and Charles Gardner, telegraph operator, and a bearder were also in a semi-conscious condition. Dr. M. Allison was sent for. He admin surred

A GALE AT NEWPORT NEWS.

Newport News, March 20 .- A windstorm struck Newport News vesterday morning.

In a few minutes the rear wall of the new Jones building, next to the postoffice, was blown out, and crushed in a portion of a building in the renr. No one was in-

of a building in the rear. No one was in-

the Norfolk and Western. Roanoke, Va., March 26.-Three freight

trains were wrecked 15 miles this side of Bluefield, on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, Sunday morning. Fireman Van Landingham, of this city, and a brakeman -S. A. Graham-and two tramps were killed. Several others were more or less

running down grade, when the first to line stopped. The second train broke in the middle and the engineer was running to escape a crash from the wild cars, when he ran into the rear of the first train. The wild section of train No. 2 then crashed into the wreck and was soon followed by the third train, which, in, the wild con ion, had not been flagged.

CURRENT HUMOR.

Palverizing Him. (From the Yonkers Statesman.) Cholly—Why do they say a little learning is langerous thing? Dolly—If you ever get any you will find out.

The Deadly Microbe. (From the Philadelphia North American.)

"Poor Siddons! His dead body was found of
the banks of the Schuylkill yesteeday."

"Brown himself?"

"The supposition is that he drank some of it."

On the Other Side.

(From Tit-Bits.) (From Tri-Bi(s.)

An English lady, walking with her little girl, saw a lame old beggar, bearing on his hat the legend: "I fought at Waterloo."

"Give him some money, for he helped to save your country," said the lady.

As the child dropped some silver into his hand, the ex-soldier bowed and exclaimed: "Mervit mechanicalles"

A Nonplussed Boctor. (From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

"You are suffering from well, to put it in the ordinary vernacular, an inflamed condition of the spinal column. You should try cooling ap-plications along the back. What is your pres-ent occupation?"
"Of your driven an ice wagon for twinty years, sor,"

"Now that we have the Philippines," said the man in the high hat, "the question is, What will we do with them?" "Oh, not at all; that's not the real question," answered the man in the fedors. "Then, what is?" "Now that we have the Philippines, what will we do with the property of the p

we have the Philippines, what will a

NOTES OF THE DAY.

The finest shops in a Chinese city are those de-oted to the sale of coffins.

Every cent of the tax ascessed hast year in Oc-ington, Me., was collected. There are said to be fewer suicides among ong any other class of workmen

Happer manufacturers are ecuding canoes of ireft and canvas to Palestine, Japan, and China. The stock of gold in the banks of Europe in reased 40 per cent from January 1, 1865, to Jan

The extral yield of Russia for 1807 was for even jounds per acre, and for 1808 it was fit three pounds.

In the Bank of England at least sixty followedness, or ledgers, are filled daily with writing in keeping accounts,

Secretary Hay is the proof possessor of quarrain of Fitzgerald's version of Omac Rharyas written by the translator's own hand.

ginn, his constructed for the Russian genera-usest on immense steam deeler, at a cost of \$250,000. The largest library of small books in the world belongs to a Frenchman, who beasts that he can pack 700 of his pocket editions in a single port-

The sait of Senator Proctor of Vermont against the city of San Francisco over the oursership of Lafayette Park has just been revived in the Cal-

In one small township in North Carolina, South-ern Pines, £,600,900 pounds of fruit seem shapped to Northern markets in 1998. It was all yaised by Northern invalids living there for their health. Bulleck county, Alabams, may be said to be strongly Democratic. At the fast State election in Alabams there were 1,122 Bemocratic, 5 Propo-list, and no Republican votes cast in Bullock

A writer on China says that the Chinese believe the Yellow River has always been of its present color except one day about 3,000 years ago, or which oversion a great man was been and the river was perfectly clear.

A Karsas paper has discovered that the year 1899 is a good one for the printers. People can't have the date printed on letterheads with one figure about, as 180 , for three digites will change with the coming year.

A straings endom is followed in Mexican tar-mers. They use exen of one color in the morning and arother color in the afternoon. They do not know sky's but they know it must be the right thong to do, became their forefathers did it.

day, a plow came into contact with a stone coffin covered with a stone tid, and containing formu-tiones. The coffin is 7 fect 6 inches long, 3 fec-wide and the sides 4 inches to 5 inches thick. It

for them becomes where a new document maying in recent atomics. By Voluntry, the ordinary store of Alisopp & Suis sold 20 points before that of Berk, Stitteness & Co. ordinary showed base of 28 points from 1800, and of 114 points from 1800.

The Lord Chancellor of England is never al-

of a prime donne who has suptimed her w trying to sing a duct with herself. Each note starts from somewhere between a sharp and a flat, but does not stop even there, and splits up into four or more portions, of which no person can be expected to catch more than one at .

two years; but the Minister of Finance has by decreed that in order to enjoy the imm security holders must preduce balance sheet ventories, and minutes of the general meet the company, certified by French diploments. According to the laws of good society in China,

other the widow grows the more agreeable her po-sition becomes. Should she reach fifty years sho-may, by applying to the Emperor, get a sum of money with which to buy a tablet, on which her virtues are named. The tablet is placed over the door at the principal entrance of her house.

shows a yearly expenditure on interdeships of 895 for every man, woman, and child in the United Kingdom. Irishmen and Scotchman, it seems, have been much maligned in this connection, for while the Englishman drinks 2-31 galiens of alcohol yearly, the Scotchman manages with 1-65 and the Irishman with 1-54. The Englishman opends \$20.50, the Scotchman \$35.25, and the Irishman \$11.25.

Vienna has opened its new municipal saloon, the Rattiskeller, in the basement of the City Hall, The place has been decorated by the foremost ar

characters of their written language, have solved the problem of telegraphy by using numbers for transmission over the wire instead of characters.

According to statistics furnished by the meet inspection office of Gothenburg, Sweden, 2,949 sides of salted pork have been imported from

There are millions of the inhabitants of the Phillippine Islands who never knew the dominion of Spain and never saw a Spaniard.

The American trade in cuttonseed oil is greating steadily in France. In 1888 Marselles received 25,728 barrels of this oil from the United

The John Cockerill Company, of Liege, Bel-

A curious thing about the calendar is the that no century can begin on Wednesday, day, or Saturday. The same calendar, low-be used every bounty years.

The management of the largest and newest horel in Boston has just decided in emitude "frammers" or traveling substains from the house on the ground that he does not used the fully turned into a business office.

An unusual damage suit has been filed at Cen-tralia, Mo., where Howard Larkin seeks to accover \$1,500 from the Western Enion Telegraph Com-pany because the "singing" of its wires frightened his team and caused it run away.

Bassia has under way one of the greatest enci-neering projects of the century, the construction of the ship canal to connect the Baltie Sea with the Volga River. It involves the deepening and without of the Volga its entire length.

At Birkin, near Ferribridge, England, the other

The French mint coined last year sexum on to coin, \$1,000,000 was aliver and become for Indi-China, \$1,000,000 aliver coin for Russia, and \$100. Wall of the New Jones Building on gold coin for Tunes. Small amounts of collect for Ethiopia, Mesocco and Lichtenston

of a building in the renr. No one was injured, although much excitement was caused among the inmates of the house.

The water in the harbor was lashed with
great fury, but so far as can be learned
none of the small boats lying in the sea

none of the small boats lying is waters were lost.

A number of large plateglass windows were smashed and shade trees and signs were blown about promiscuously. The wind at one time attained a velocity of between 65 and 79 miles. Afterward the wind shifted to northwest and the weather cleared.

KILLED.

By this is getting her to felt.

John Quiez, who died in England recently in its cipity-difft wear, spent filty-five consecutive year of his life in prices, whither he was sent in 1841 for aftempted minister. He was faund to be mentally irreposable, and was ordered to be confined during ther Makesty's pleasure. His death was disc to smith deem.

Arab music has been described as the singing

when they have paid no dividend or interest in

young widows should not remarry. Widowhood is therefore held in the highest extern, and the

The Briton's drink hill, published last week, shows a yearly expenditure on intoxicents of 880

tists of the city, and in it only the vintages of Austria proper will be sold, foreign and even Hungarian wines being excluded. The Rattiskel-ler is conducted by the manuferpal authorities; its establishment has roused the wrath of the res-taurint keepers of the city, who have been among the most useful supporters of the present anti-Semitie mayor, Dr. Lurger. The Chinese, owing to the multiplicity of the

The numbers have to be reinterpreted into characters when precised. To facilitate the operation types are useft. On the end of each type is a character; on the other end is a number. By reversing and imprinting the types upon a sheet of paper the change is readily effected with a high degree of accuracy.

the United States during 1838, and treining-have been found in 21 pieces. Complaint is fre-quently made of packing of corned beef and horse-ment, the harries being of poor quality or care-lessly handled by the cooper, so that the brine leaks out during transportation, and the ment arrives in a bad condition and is consequently condemned by the inspecting officer.